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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PINT JA

SUBJ: DSP MISSION TO US

REFS: (A) TOKYO 10898 (B) TOKYO 10726

1. NORTH AMERICAN BUREAU DIRGEN YAMAZAKI HAS PERSONALLY ASKED THAT I ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY FOR THE JAPAN DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY (DSP) MISSION WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN WASHINGTON FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO 4. YAMAZAKI HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO US, PARTICULARLY DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF CODEL WOLFF WHEN HE EXERTED STRONG PRESSURE IN A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO OBTAIN AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE CODEL WITH PRIME MINISTER MIKI. YAMAZAKI'S INTERVENTION IS INDICATIVE OF HIGH-LEVEL GOJ INTEREST IN THE SUCCESS OF THE DSP MISSION.

2. ALTHOUGH THE DSP IS THE SMALLEST PARTY IN THE DIET, IT IS PRESENTLY AND POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT FOR US INTERESTS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

(A) LDP BELIEVES THAT IF ITS STRENGTH IN THE DIET CONTINUES A SLOW DECLINE, DSP COOPERATION MAY BECOME ESSENTIAL IN MAINTAINING A MODERATE (US-ORIENTED) MAJORITY;

(B) THE DSP IS BACKED BY JAPAN'S LARGEST PRIVATE SECTOR LABOR CONFEDERATION (WHICH HAS CLOSE TIES WITH THE AFL-CIO) AND HAS INCREASINGLY TAKEN POSITIONS SUPPORTIVE OF THE GOJ ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE US;

(C) A SUCCESSFUL MISSION TO THE US COULD RESULT IN THE DSP FORMALLY ADOPTING A POSITION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUATION

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OF THE US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY.

3. STATEMENTS WHICH THE DSP MIGHT MAKE TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE OBJECTIVE AND SERVE US INTERESTS IN JAPAN.

4. RECOMMENDATION. FOR THESE REASONS, I RECOMMEND THAT, SCHEDULE PERMITTING, A BRIEF MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY BE ARRANGED. IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO THE EMBASSY IF WE COULD INFORM THE DSP MISSION OF A FIRM APPOINTMENT PRIOR TO ITS DEPARTURE FROM JAPAN ON AUGUST 31.  
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